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Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay today announced that the Bureau of Indian Affairs will continue for the present operating its two area offices in Oklahoma at Muskogee and Anadarko.

Early consolidation of the two offices at a central location in the State was recommended last January by the Bimson survey team which made an organization study of the Bureau. Further consideration of the matter by Department and Bureau officials, however, has led to the conclusion that both offices are now needed. The decision was based on a study of present workload factors and the types of services which the Bureau is currently obligated to provide individual Indians and tribal groups in Oklahoma.